(b) whether Government will amend Article 243B and 243C of the Constitution to give effect to this demand; and

(c) if so, when the amendment is likely to be brought?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since the three-tier Panchayati Raj System and existing mode of elections of Chairpersons at Intermediate Panchayat level were adopted after a nation-wise debate following much deliberation and discussion in Parliament, it was decided not to give effect to such demands. However, the Constitution (87th Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in 1999 to amend certain provision of Article 243C. It was decided in the Meeting of Leaders of all Parties in Parliament held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister on 19th May, 2001 that the Bill should be deferred and studied further in the wider context of Panchayati Raj in the country. The Standing Committee of Urban and Rural Development has been examining implementation of various provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992.

Revival of Woollen Mills under BIC, Kanpur

1796. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question Number 256 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 regarding revival of Textile Mills under BIC, Kanpur and state:

(a) what decision was taken by the BIFR on the submission made by the Government before it expressing Government's intention to revive the Woollen Mills under BIC Limited; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to revive Woollen Mills under BIC Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) In the hearing held on 13.6.2001, BIFR appointed IDBI as the Operating Agency (OA) for preparation of revival scheme for the British India Corporation (Woollen Mills) and submission of the final report by 31.12.2001. This Ministry is pursuing with IDBI for timely finalization and submission of the report to BIFR.